Rome Wed Jan. 19 1865

My dear Monica

a line in haste to say that I have £5 for you at the Bankers only wait a Bank note to send it you the same way as the last for I dont like that there Town should have the trouble of going to the P.O. — This I send by the Queens Messenger — your charming note was a great pleasure to me & I read it many times & hope

you'll write back another when you
get the note (Bank) – We have such
wet weather that we shall die
of it & the heat is so great that
on Sunday I was obliged to walk
creeping & just night to look
Eleanor to the Duchess Saldanna
ball (Portuguese Ambassadress)
& the room was so hot that I
was obliged to give up dancing
yet we stayed till 3 (am I not an
indulgent Papa!) There was a

fine supper— I need not tell you
that I never dance but on these
occasions I meet with official persons
& talk over serious matters— Last
night I was more than ever astonished
at the position I have gained (more
by fortune than talent) & now I
am indeed content for I have
got to a point where I never looked
to be & having health & strength
more than ever I am well able
always to take the Bull by the horns
aye even a Polar Bull (a seal) you
will